Setting up of New Projects in West Bengal

421. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 280 applications to set up new projects in West Bengal, are pending with Government for clearance;

(b) if so, what is the present position of these applications; and

(c) by when these applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Receipt and Disposal of applications is a continuing process. All steps are taken for speedy disposal of applications within a stipulated period.

Indigenous Paper Industry

422. SHRI S.K.T. RAMA-CHANDRAN:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that indigenous paper manufacturers are facing crisis due to economic reforms and resultant stiff competition from abroad; and

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to help them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. The Paper and Paper Board industry is meeting the entire domestic demand and no complaints arising out of recent policy reforms have been received.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited

423. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER to pleased to state:

(a) the details of the production achieved by the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited in the last three months;

(b) the details of demands put forward to Government by the company in the same period to run and operate commercially;

(c) whether it is a fact that the management has sent out large number of its staff and workers under the voluntary retirement scheme and thus the consequent dearth of working capital has been aggravated;

(d) whether Government propose to take immediate action to provide funds to the company and to ask the management to continue to produce and sell more with assured orders from various Government departments/undertakings; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI):

(a) The details are as under: